Point Reyes Headlands

DESCRIPTION

'Point Reyes Headlands' Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) in Marin County has 4.8 miles of coastline. This ASBS lies within the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary; the National Park Service (Point Reyes National Seashore) manages the shoreline. Offshore of this CCA is the Point Reyes Headlands State Marine Conservation Area and Extension. On the peninsula leading to the headland are historical working dairy ranches, but these do not drain directly into the ASBS. A road follows the entire ASBS, but the slope of the headland is such that any road run-off also flows away from the ASBS.

There are no perennial streams emptying into the ASBS, but thirteen natural gullies located in sheer coastal cliffs drain runoff into the ASBS. Seven storm water discharges are also located in the vicinity of the lighthouse and the visitor center. Most of the headland's slope draining to the ASBS has very limited automobile access, allowed mostly for National Park Service personnel and vehicles only; public access is limited to walkways and trails. Inland from the lighthouse and visitor's center are 4 small apartments, which are serviced by a septic system.



Point Reyes Headlands
(Photo courtesy State Water Resources
Control Board).

For more photos, visit the California

Coastal Records Project: www.californiacoastline.org.

REASON FOR CCA IDENTIFICATION

This watershed flows into the 'Point Reyes Headlands' **Area of Special Biological Significance** (ASBS), a State Water Quality Protection Area.

POLLUTED RUNOFF CONDITIONS

		Efforts to Address Pollutants (See next page)				
Selected Coastal Zone Waterbodies	?	?	?	?	?	
Runoff ▲						
Agriculture						a
Forestry (Silviculture)						
Urban Areas						a
Marinas & Boating						
Hydromodification						
Wetlands & Riparian Areas						

MAJOR EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT NPS MANAGEMENT MEASURES

a)	Tomales Bay Watershed Council	http://www.tomalesbaywatershe				
		d.org/				
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> Purpose is to create and help facilitate a management plan to preserve and protect our water and land resources for sustainable uses by agriculture, aquaculture, business, environmental, recreation and residential interests.						

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REGULATORY/PLANNING JURISDICTIONS

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